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Proposed new DCI intelligence "letter"
to "high level" audience

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

1. I refer to the committee you are creating to study the question of intelligence disseminations in the form of letters over the Director's signature to a limited high level audience.
2. May I suggest that in many, if not in most cases the Director will disseminate in the evaluated as versus the raw form. May I also suggest that the most important items will be those affecting major estimates (in the NIE series) regarded as current.
3. I trust that your committee will incubate on the above, and finding merit in same, will so arrange procedures that the Board will be cut in to the crafting where indicated. What I would regard as highly undesirable would be the issuance of an evaluation on something less than sober consideration, which either did not really stand up against the evidence mustered in a given NIE, or which the Director for other reasons would have to take back at an early IAC meeting.

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